

EdVK EDUCATIONAL SERVICE OVERVIEW

EDUCATIONAL VILLAGE KEEPERS, INCORPORATED

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

I EdVK INTERNATIONAL ADOPT-A-SCHOOL PROGRAM

The EdVK Chicago Public School Adopt-A-School Program:

2008-2009 - Cullen Elementary School: In collaboration with Principal Draper, designed a parent volunteer reading tutorial program to be launched the following year; provided science fair judges; created & funded an 8th grade essay competition with winners recognized at the graduation, and served as key note speaker for the 8th grade graduation.

2009-2010 - Bennett Elementary School: In collaboration with Principal Ellis & the 8th grade faculty & staff, EdVK offered its "EdVK High School Prep for Success" four week program to the 8th grade classes. EdVK hosted an 8th Grade Parent Night, and funded and designed an 8th grade "Rites to Passage" recognition & awards program.

2010-2011 - Green Elementary School: In collaboration with Principal Dowdell, EdVK served as "Principals for Day" and introduced the "EdVK High School Prep for Success Program" to all 7th & 8th grade classes; attended special programs; addressed parent groups regarding PTA development. EdVK has been asked to stay with the Green School Community for the 2011-2012 school year.

The EdVK South Africa Adopt-A-School Program:

2011-The Fezeka High School of Gugulethu Township, Cape Town, SA In collaboration with the RAMUSI FOUNDATION, EdVK gave a day of service to the Fezeka High School and donated funds to the award winning Fezeka Choir. A lack of funds were threatening the choir's ability to participate in competitions due to cost of transportation.

II EdVK Emerging Leaders & Mentoring Program

Parents of: the Beasley Academic Center, Brighton Academy; Lenart Regional Gifted Center; Skinner Upper Grade Center; South Shore H.S.
Teachers of: Beasley Academic Center; Bouchet Elementary McAuliffe School; Whittier School;

Students of: Corliss H.S.; Kenwood H.S.; Phoenix Military H.S.; & South Shore H.S.-School of the Arts;

Community Members: Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Chairs; & Past - President of Black Star Community PTA

III EdVK S.C.H.O.O.L

In collaboration with the Black Star Community PTA, EdVK addressed the issue of RACE MATTERS regarding the POST DESEG-CONSENT DECREE impact on student selection in our selective enrollment high schools which contributed to CPS establishing the BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE that resulted in a member from our committee selected to sit on that committee. EdVK submitted a written proposal entitled A UNIFORM SELECTIVE ENROLLMENT HIGH SCHOOL ADMISSION PROPOSAL.

IV EdVK Community PTSA

EdVK Community Parent Teacher Student Association was established in 2010 and co-sponsored with the Black Star Community PTA and the Chicago Teachers Union the Mayoral Candidates and 8th & 9th Ward Aldermanic Forum for the 2011 Chicago Municipal Election. A grassroots coalition was formed thru this event to include: NAACP, Designs for Change, Chicago Parent Union, Council of Black Studies at CSU; District 299 Title I ESEA/NCLB Parent Community, and CAUSE.

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S.C.H.O.O.L.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY HELP TO ORGANIZE FOR OPTIMUM LEARNING
An Educational Grassroots Community Organization
Sponsored by Educational Village Keepers, Incorporated
Keeping our "educational eyes" on the sparrow = Our Children

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of EdVK S.C.H.O.O.L is to contribute to the preservation of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for American children in general, and Illinois and Chicago children in particular. The Mission Goal is to encourage, empower, and equip the stakeholders of the school community at – large with knowledge and organizational skills to be change agents in their schools, school districts, State, and Nation by creating a **COMMUNITY PTSA** that will advocate for:

- 1) **Quality PUBLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION from Pre-K to Ph.D.;**
- 2) **Greater parent and community involvement in schools;**
- 3) **Greater teacher empowerment /stronger teacher unions;**
- 4) **Citywide Student Councils;**
- 5) **An elected Chicago School Board & greater transparency;**
- 6) **Testing for the purpose of supporting public schools;**
- 7) **State budgets NOT balanced on the backs of our children;**
- 8) **Greater central office and administrative accountability;**
- 9) **Elimination of School-to-Prison Pipeline: Mass Incarceration Of Minorities & the Poor; and**
- 10) **Taxes used to fund GOVERNMENT RUN PUBLIC SCHOOLS & other public service- NOT used to pay for "FOR-PROFIT" Privatization groups for low quality, poor service.**

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